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SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

ARGENTINA: ~~TERRORIST THREAT~~. (U)

1. (S/NOFORN) (U) RECENT REPORTS CONCERNING THE REAPPEARANCES OF

TERRORISM IN THE COUNTRY MAY HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY INDIVIDUAL SECURITY FORCE ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO PRESIDENT ROBERTO VIOLA'S DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS AND INTENT ON DEMONSTRATING THE EXISTENCE OF A THREAT

TO NATIONAL SECURITY. SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER, UNCONFIRMED PRESS 7 SEP 16 1981

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ITEMS HAVE ALLEGED THE RETURN OF A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE MONTONERO PERONIST MOVEMENT TO THE COUNTRY FROM CHILE. CONCURRENTLY, AT LEAST ONE REPORT HAS CLAIMED THE AUDIO PORTION OF A TELEVISION PROGRAM IN SOME WORKING-CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS OF BUENOS AIRES WAS INTERRUPTED BY A CLANDESTINE BROADCAST OF PERONIST SONGS AND SLOGANS. IN THE PAST, SUCH BROADCASTS WERE MADE BY MONTONEROS. ALSO, MONTONERO WALL PAINTINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN MENDOZA.

2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ (U) DESPITE THESE STORIES, THERE IS STILL NO EVIDENCE OF RENEWED MONTONERO TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA. IN FACT, MONTONERO ACTIVITY THERE HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE 1979. [REDACTED] b1 per DIA

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[REDACTED] REMNANTS OF TERRORISTS

ACTIVE IN EARLY 1980 HAD BEEN DETECTED AND NEUTRALIZED.

3. ~~(S/NOINTEL/NOFORN/NOCONTRACT)~~ (U) ALTHOUGH THE SOURCE OF THE LATEST PRESS ITEMS ON TERRORISM IS NOT KNOWN, THEY MAY HAVE BEEN PROVOKED BY INDIVIDUAL SECURITY FORCE ELEMENTS ACTING ON THEIR OWN. ONE EXPLANATION IS THAT THESE ELEMENTS -- DISSATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION -- ARE TRYING TO IMPEDE PRESIDENT VIOLA'S DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS. ANOTHER IS THEY ARE INTENT ON QUELLING RISING PUBLIC DEMANDS FOR LIFTING THE STATE OF SIEGE BY DEMONSTRATING THAT AN

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INTERNAL SECURITY THREAT STILL EXISTS.

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